

the Fine Arts Fund, where she was elected a Life Trustee last year.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Susan's many accomplishments as she steps down as Vice President for Public Affairs at the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce on June 13, 2003. I know Susan will continue to make a difference in our community. All of us in the Cincinnati area thank her for her dedication to improving our community and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

HONORING ANDREW T. RINGGOLD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mrs. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew T. Ringgold, Superintendent, Redwood National and State Parks, Crescent City, California, who is being honored on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years with the National Park Service.

A native of Washington, D.C., Andy Ringgold grew up in Williamsburg, Virginia and received his Bachelors Degree from Bucknell University. He began his outstanding career in the National Park Service as a Park Ranger at Sequoia National Park in California in 1967. In 1972 Andy became District Ranger at Lassen Volcanic National Park and then served as Chief Ranger at Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona from 1976 to 1979. After serving as Chief Ranger at New River Gorge in West Virginia, he became Staff Park Ranger, Division of Ranger Activities at the Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. in 1984. In 1987 Andy Ringgold served as Chief of the Branch of Resource and Visitor Protection at the Headquarters Office and then, in 1989, became Superintendent at Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts. In 1995 he assumed the duties of Superintendent at Redwood National Park in California.

In 2002, Mr. Ringgold received the United States Department of the Interior Honor Award for Meritorious Service in recognition of his contributions to the management and protection of resources at Redwood National Park. He spearheaded the use of alternative methods and partnerships to achieve park goals. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his outstanding and innovative leadership.

Andrew Ringgold has guided the management of Redwood National and State Parks, which includes three California state parks and the national park as one unit, a precedent setting agreement that has evolved into a model partnership of cooperation and efficiency. It is a model that has set the standard for similar partnerships in other regions across the nation.

Andrew Ringgold has served the National Park Service with honesty, integrity and expertise. His high standards and dedication to his profession are widely recognized.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Andrew T. Ringgold for his vision and leadership and for his contributions to the preservation of the natural resources of our Nation.

WOMEN PIONEERING THE FUTURE

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I asked New Mexicans to send me nominations of women in New Mexico who have given special service to our community, but may have never received recognition for their good deeds.

On Thursday, April 17, 2003, I had the honor and privilege of recognizing forty-five worthy nominations describing sacrifices and contributions these women have made for our community. The people who nominated the women describe the dedication they have witnessed: volunteer hours for veterans services, service on nonprofit boards, homeless programs, mentors for young women, healthcare providers going above the call of duty, child advocates, volunteers at churches and synagogues, successful business woman, wives, mothers and friends.

Allow me to share information about this year's nominees:

Jan Dodson Barnhart—Jan recently retired as a 30 year employee of the University of New Mexico's General Library. She has worked diligently to promote historic preservation and recognition of the cultural treasures that exist in New Mexico's built environment. She served on the Governor's committee on historical records, with the Oral History Association, and with the Albuquerque Museum Foundation.

Dian Baughman—Dian is a nurse at Paloma Blanca Nursing and Rehab Center. She works numerous hours dedicating time and service to residents of the center to ensure good care and quality of life. During her off hours, she travels the state with her husband to provide medical assistance to homeless veterans during veterans functions.

Tess Ruiz Bureson—Tess is the Chief Financial Officer for Lovelace Respiratory Research and Director of Lovelace Scientific Research. She is also an active Board Member of many community organizations, such as Next Generation Economy Initiative, Behavior Health Research, Wells Fargo Leadership Council, Performance Arts Charter School, and Magnifico/Festival of Arts.

Joann Castillo—Joann is the Library Director at Carnegie Public Library in Las Vegas, NM. Joann is very involved in community activities, such as the Las Vegas San Miguel Literacy Volunteers, Communities that Care and the Las Vegas Youth Commission. She feels that these young men and women are our future and need to be active in community events also.

Alvorn Clifton—Mrs. Clifton has provided the Trumbull Village with a legacy of working for the betterment of children, families and our community. She is a leader making a difference. As the President of the Trumbull Village Neighborhood Association, she advances the lives of children through support and guidance. Each year, she hosts Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties so the neighborhood kids have a safe place to celebrate.

Leslie Cunningham-Sabo—Leslie works tirelessly as a doctor at Pediatrics Department at UNM for obesity and diabetes prevention program which works with the pueblos and the

Navajo Nation. She volunteers at Project Share, Asbury Pie Café, and for anybody that needs a helping hand.

Kathy Cyman—Kathy is an Instructor and Adjunct Faculty Member at UNM. As a teacher and practicing artist, she maintains a high standard of professionalism. She is a tireless worker and role model for women who struggle to make a living. She gives her all to her community and to aspiring educators.

Rebecca Dakota—Rebecca is the former Director of the NM Commission on the Status of Women. She is supportive of women and works diligently to address the issue of domestic violence. She has helped to make police departments around NM more aware of the problem so that training could be implemented for officers. She has worked to assist poor women with job training partnerships and scholarship assistance.

Brenda Delaurentis—Brenda is Manager of the Payroll Services and Financial Training Organization at Sandia National Labs. She has worked with "Shared Vision," spearheaded Sandia's involvement in the Science and Technology Magnet School initiative sponsored by DOE, and helped organize the first "School to World" event, a career fair targeting 8th graders. Brenda has also been a Girl Scout Leader for seven years.

Gail Doherty—Gail is the state coordinator for Project Linus, which provides handmade blankets for needy children. In her 5 years, 5000 blankets have been distributed to fire victims in Los Alamos, September 11 Pentagon families and numerous others. Each week, she visits the Senior Centers to work with the knitters and weavers to make blankets and she takes their therapy-trained dog to Carrie Tingley to visit the children.

Viola Edwards—Mrs. Edwards works tirelessly each month to provide food boxes with the Share Program for needy or low income families. Monthly, she orders 16-17 food boxes and distributes them to families that can use it. She has also collected and recycled clothing to provide for the clothing needs of children and families.

Shannon Enright Smith—As the Executive Director of Resources, Inc., Shannon has been a passionate voice for victims of domestic violence, especially for the children who witness domestic violence. In a typical day, Shannon performs duties from walking a victim through the legal system, doing interviews for local media, to testifying before the state legislature.

Deirdre Firth—Deirdre, a Senior Economic Developer for the City of Albuquerque, works tirelessly to bring economic vitality to New Mexico. She represents the City in the development of the Sandia Science and Technology Park, a public/private partnership which is bringing thousands of high-paying technology jobs to New Mexico.

Linda Flanigan—Linda has lived in Albuquerque for most of her life. She has helped teenagers with career and life decisions. She was a Brownie Troop Sponsor and she helps people recover from various addictions and through family problems through her activity and her community church.

Linda Fleisher—Linda is a Crime Free Multi-Housing Coordinator. Her inspiration and driving force were instrumental in bringing a "re-birth" to the Alta Monte Neighborhood. She has inspired many landlords to participate in the program, making great strides in improving